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## MORE LOSS OF AMERICAN LIFE

SINKING OF LINER PERSIA PRESENTS NEW INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

## SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

President Wilson Hurries Back To Washington To Confer With Leaders.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The new submarine crisis was practically at a standstill today while the government awaited developments of the exact facts of the operations of the Teutonic submarines in the Mediterranean.

Late today, after conferring with President Wilson, Secretary Lansing sent orders to the American consuls at Alexandria, Malta and Cairo to gather at once all available affidavits from the Persia survivors and to cable summaries.

The idea is to bring in definite information speedily.

There were evidences that administration leaders, while not in the least minimizing the dangers and possibilities of the latest complications brought on by the destruction of the liner Persia, were anxious that the public mind should not be inflamed further while the President and his advisers were trying to suspend judgment and all the agencies of the government were in motion to collect all the facts upon which the next move may be made.

Secretary Tumulty issued this statement from the President:

"The President and the Secretary of State are taking every means possible to obtain the full facts in this grave matter and will act just as soon as the information is obtained."

For the first time since foreign relations became delicate during the war, President Wilson today conferred with the leaders of the Congressional committees which deal with the subject, and it was afterward announced that they were to be advised of the steps and developments in the situation.

This action met the approbation of many Senators and Representatives who have been contending that in such a serious situation as the present promises to become, Congress should be consulted in any moves which may involve the country in measures at least short of war.

Attack Deferred.

An expected attack on the administration's policy probably was avoided by a hasty adjournment of the Senate within ten minutes after it assembled, and there was no indication of an outbreak in the House. A meeting of the State Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow, at which the subject was expected to come up, was deferred until later in the week, awaiting further information, leaders said.

At the White House and at the State Department the tension of the crisis was evident, but there was an atmosphere of moving carefully and surely.

The President, who arrived this morning from Hot Springs, Va., instructed Secretary Lansing to bring immediately to the White House any new information which came to hand, and then busied himself reading the official dispatches so far received and getting in touch generally with the situation.

The Administration is depending largely on the inquiries which Ambassador Penfield has been instructed to make at Vienna and that which consuls are gathering elsewhere, to establish the nationality of the submarine which is said to have sunk the Persia and to develop the facts in the case generally.

Baron Erich Zwiadnek, the Austrian charge here, has asked officials of the Washington government to withhold judgment until all the facts are at hand, and is said to have given assurances that if an Austrian submarine commander disobeyed instructions the Vienna government would make amends.

There was no indication today of what the prospects were for the United States formally acquiescing in the question of submarine warfare.

It has been proposed that should be done, so that none of the central power belligerents could plead lack of information, as Austria did at first in the Ancona case. The course of the United States in that regard will be developed definitely later.

It was disclosed today, however, that some time ago the complete submarine correspondence with Germany showing the contentions of the United States and the extent of Germany's acquiescence, was sent to the American diplomatic representatives in Turkey and Bulgaria, and also was delivered to the diplomatic representatives of the two countries in Washington.

No Trace of McNeely.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Consul General Skinner, at London, today advised the State Department that the telegraphic list of survivors of the torpedoed liner Persia, received there from Alexandria, did not include the name of Robert N. McNeely, American Consul at Aden, but does include Charles Grant, of Boston.

Eleven survivors, including Lord Montagu, have been landed at Malta, according to advices to the State Department from American Consul Koblinger. His dispatch said seven Indians of the Persia's crew had been found clinging to a damaged open boat by the steamship Hingchow. All the men said the Persia had been torpedoed without warning.

## POPULAR PASTOR WEDS IN SOUTH

REV. B. W. NAPIER CAPTURES SOUTHERN BRIDE—NOW AT HOME HERE.

The following article concerning the marriage of the Rev. B. W. Napier, pastor of the Hartford M. E. Church, was taken from the Nashville Banner of Friday:

"Last evening at Locusthurst" the country place of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morton, the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Morton, and Rev. B. W. Napier was quietly solemnized, the wedding date having been changed from January 1 owing to the fact that the groom, who makes his home in Hartford, Ky., has been called home by the death of a close friend, Dr. W. E. Doss who was the officiating minister. The attractive home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

"The bride, who is a young woman of charming personality, was beautifully gowned in a brown velvet suit fur-trimmed. Her gold and brown toque was trimmed with a bird of paradise. Her corsage bouquet was of roses and lilies of the valley.

"The Rev. and Mrs. Napier left immediately after the ceremony for Hartford, where he is pastor of the Methodist church. The announcement of the marriage will be received with interest by a large circle of friends. The friends of the bride will regret that she will make her home in another section."

The bride and groom were met at Beaver Dam Friday by Judge and Mrs. John B. Wilson, acting as a committee from the local church, and the bride reached her new home in Hartford at 4:10 p. m.

The Rev. Napier is one of the most popular pastors ever assigned to this circuit and the many friends extend to him congratulations and a hearty welcome to Mrs. Napier.

Many beautiful presents were presented and entertainments are being given.

Night Riders of Christian County Take War Path.

Princeton, Ky., Jan. 3.—Night Rider notices have been posted in this county warning the farmers not to haul their tobacco to the loose leaf markets. According to reports, a notice was posted at Bainbridge, near the Caldwell-Christian line, threatening destruction to team and wagon and a whipping to the driver, should any tobacco be hauled to the loose leaf floors at Hopkinsville.

A Real Movie Lover.

Helen, Herbert, you don't love me!

Herbert, I do.

Helen. Then why don't your chest go up and down like the hero's on the films?

## SLACK AND SMITH ASSUME DUTIES

CRIMINAL COURT OPENS AT OWENSBORO AND NEW OFFICIALS TAKE CHARGE.

## SMITH TO LIVE HERE

Hundreds Welcome New Team and Many Flowers Adorn Bench.

When Judge R. W. Slack, the new Republican circuit judge for the Sixth judicial district walked into the courtroom shortly before 9 o'clock this morning he was greeted by perhaps one of the largest audiences of Republicans that has assembled in the courtroom for years. Many of the leading Republicans of the city by their presence showed the great interest they had in watching the organization of the court. The minutes of the last special term of criminal court were read in the presence of retiring Judge Birkhead, who then placed his official signature on the order book, possibly for the last time.

Judge Birkhead then said: "Gentlemen, I am sitting up here. The duly elected judge took the oath of office last Saturday afternoon, but I thought I would sit here and hear these orders read. I am out of office now, but I want to thank every one of you gentlemen who have been so kind to me since I have been in office. I will never forget the kindness you have shown me while I have been sitting up here. Now I vacate for the regularly elected judge."

As Judge Slack came forward, he was surrounded with many members of the bar, who extended their congratulations. Several beautiful bouquets of carnations and red roses adorned the bench. Judge Slack said: "Gentlemen, I think some of you are anticipating that I am going to make a speech this morning. I have a speech, but I do not believe I will make it. I want to offer an apology or explanation to you why I am wearing this red rose. I am not in the habit of it. I have two reasons. One is, I want to offset Mr. Clements' red necktie, and the other is that my sister sent it to me from a distance. She is very proud of the fact that I am circuit judge. I am wearing it for her sake. Now, with these few brief remarks I proceed to business."

The grand jury was then empaneled as follows: C. H. Brady, Jeff Ray, William Lyons, Mack Estes, B. O. Kirk, L. M. Riddle, C. S. Hayden, W. S. Noel, William Riddle, J. F. McCormick and B. F. Brown.

Judge Slack then consumed more than an hour instructing the jury, covering the various crimes as enumerated in the statutes. He dwelt at some length on gaming and the child labor law. Of the latter he called the body's attention to the fact that no firm, individual or corporation had a right to employ a child under 14 years of age during the school period, unless they had first procured an employment certificate permitting the child to work. Judge Slack also stated that if the grand jury should have any evidence brought before them pertaining to any election frauds committed in the recent election, that he or the commonwealth's attorney would instruct them on this subject later on during the term.

The court appointed L. M. Norris foreman of the grand jury.

Takes Oath of Office.

C. E. Smith, the newly elected commonwealth's attorney, presented his commission, issued by the secretary of state, and he was then sworn in by Deputy Clerk Haynes for a period of six years. Mr. Smith stated that for the present he would make his home in Hartford.

Court Will Instruct Jury.

In the future there will be only one set of instructions given to the grand jury and that by Judge Slack. During Judge Birkhead's term, he and Commonwealth's Attorney Ringo delivered separate instructions to the grand jury, but Judge Slack stated that he could not find any law authorizing this procedure. So in the future Judge Slack alone will

instruct the grand jury in open court.—Owensboro Inquirer.

Seeks Citizenship For Porto Ricans.

New York, Jan. 8.—Arthur Yager, governor of Porto Rico, arrived here today on the steamship Carolina from San Juan on his way to Washington to urge Congress to pass an Organic act, granting American citizenship to Porto Ricans.

Gov. Yager said he expects to spend three or four weeks in Washington before returning to Porto Rico.

JAP SQUADRON SAILS FOR SUEZ CANAL

Tokio, Jan. 3.—Announcement is made by the Jiji Shimpo that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping. It is said the armored cruisers Kasuga, Tokiwa and Chitose have been assigned for this service.

The reported decision of the Japanese government to send a squadron to the Suez Canal follows the sinking of two steamships in the Mediterranean. The passenger liner Yaosaka Maru was torpedoed off Port Said on December 21. The freighter Kenkoku Maru was sunk by a submarine on December 29. Those on board both vessels were rescued. The Japan Steamship Company, which controls the bulk of Japanese shipping, has abandoned the Suez route.

## PLAN CONFERENCE ON CHURCH UNITY

DELEGATES FROM PROTESTANT FAITHS IN NORTH AMERICA MEET IN PHILADELPHIA.

New York, Jan. 3.—Plans for a world's conference of churches will be discussed at a meeting of representatives of the Protestant churches of North America to begin tomorrow in the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation at Garden City, Long Island. About 22,000,000 communicants of Christian churches, including those of Canada, will be represented in the deliberations. It is expected that the conference will continue until Friday.

The purpose of the conference is not to negotiate for the union, it is announced, but to consider how the Protestant churches of North America may make united plans for a world conference on faith and order.

The Rev. Dr. Junius B. Remensnyder, of this city, formerly president of the Lutheran General Synod, has been selected to deliver an address, outlining the basis on which the Christian churches may be united. His statement will be followed by addresses by an Episcopalian, a Presbyterian, a Baptist and a Methodist.

What we want to do is to compare notes and find precisely where we stand," said Dr. Remensnyder today.

The conference will be opened by the Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, of New Haven. Among the Episcopal delegates to the meeting are: Bishops Anderson, of Chicago; Weller, of Fond du Lac; Rhinelander, of Philadelphia; Dr. T. W. Manning and Bishop Greer, of this city.

It was said today that a decision as to whether the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic churches may send delegates to the proposed world conference depends in a large part on the outcome of visits to the Pope at Rome and to the Greek patriarchs at Moscow and Constantinople, which cannot be made until after the war.

\$100 IS ENOUGH FOR KISS, JURY HOLDS

Fort Smith, Ark., January 2.—A jury in the Circuit Court found a verdict for the defendant in the suit of Mrs. Della M. Gortz against Sam Stuart, a wealthy property owner, wherein the plaintiff sought \$5,000 damages on the ground that Stuart attempted to kiss her.

Mrs. Gortz told the jury Stuart's advances caused her to lose her reason temporarily.

Stuart, who is 71 years old, alleged he had paid Mrs. Gortz \$100 and that she signed a waiver of all damages against him. The jury held that Stuart had paid enough.

## NEW COUNTY AND CITY OFFICERS

C. M. CROWE APPOINTED COUNTY ATTORNEY TO FILL VACANCY LEFT BY SMITH.

## WILLIAMS NEW MARSHAL

City Council Also Elects James Lyons Clerk—Porter Takes Charge As Circuit Clerk.

Judge C. M. Crowe has been appointed by Judge Jno. B. Wilson as County Attorney to fill the unexpired term of Mr. C. E. Smith who has taken up his duties as Commonwealth's Attorney for this Judicial District. Judge Crowe has long been a resident of the county having been connected with the law firm of Likens & Crowe for the past several years. Although active in Democratic politics for many years he has never asked for the election to any county office. He has served as police judge of the city of Hartford and has held other city offices, making in each case an efficient officer. Judge Crowe is a young man and will make a live and active county attorney.

The firm of Likens & Crowe has been dissolved and Mr. Crowe has moved his law office from the Citizens' Bank building to rooms over the Bank of Hartford.

Hooker Williams New Marshal.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night Mr. Hooker Williams was elected City Marshal for the ensuing two years. He succeeds Mr. O. T. O'Bannon. Mr. Williams has been a resident of Hartford several years and until recently was manager of the Hartford Ice Company. Four years ago he was the Democratic nominee for Circuit Court Clerk and made a good race. He will take up the duties of marshal within the next few days.

Lyons Elected Clerk.

James Lyons was elected city clerk by the council Monday night to succeed Mr. Herschel Ross. Mr. Lyons is now in the Restaurant business on Main street.

Porter Goes Into Office.

Mr. A. C. Porter took charge of the office of Circuit Court Clerk Monday morning. Mr. Porter ran a good race in the November election, winning out over a strong Republican candidate by a narrow margin. It was thought there would be a contest for this office but the suit has been withdrawn and Mr. Porter goes into office with the good will of all. He was formerly in business at Hefflin but will make his home here in the future. The new clerk will be assisted in the discharge of his duties by Miss Willie Smith.

REMAINS OF COL. BARNETT LAID TO REST

"The last mortal remains of Col. Barnett arrived here on the 6:15 M. H. & E. train Thursday evening. There was a large and sad-hearted crowd at the depot on this occasion. On account of the temporary absence of Col. Barnett's pastor, Rev. Napier, the funeral did not occur until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The Methodist church was crowded with friends of Col. Barnett. The services were conducted by Rev. Napier, assisted by Rev. R. D. Bennett. The pastor delivered a heartfelt and touching discourse.

The honorary pallbearers were: C. E. Smith, Judge John B. Wilson, M. L. Heavrin, A. D. Kirk, F. L. Felix and Heber Matthews. The active pallbearers were: E. G. Barrass, Dr. J. R. Pirtle, Hooker Williams, James Lyons, E. Crabtree and E. P. Moore.

There was a wreath of flowers to add their mute beauty to the scene of death.—Extract from an article in the Hartford Herald.

Receiver For Central Life.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 3.—Suit was filed in the Franklin Circuit Court today by Insurance Commissioner Matt C. Clay to place the Central Life Insurance Company, of Lexington, in the hands of a receiver. Notice was served that the preliminary motions will be made Wednesday. Assistant Attorney General Charles H. Morris filed the suit. Commissioner Clay said he be-

lieves there are assets sufficient to pay death claims due, and an effort will be made to re-insure the risks. A report on the condition of the company made by Examiner C. F. Thomas and Guy Vansant is in the hands of Assistant Attorney General Chas. H. Morris.

This report concludes: "It appears that the company has less than \$100,000 paid-up capital stock; that it is hopelessly insolvent; that its further operation is perilous to the public, and that it should be placed in the hands of the court so that a receiver may be appointed to close its affairs."

The report sets forth admitted assets of \$124,120.45, against liabilities amounting to \$260,877.50, an impairment of \$136,757.05.

The company wrote policies providing for annuities in case of death, and while it paid claims amounting to \$6,286.16 during the year, the report says total claims aggregate \$71,493.84.

EXPENSES OF TRIP TO GIVE TESTIMONY JARS BRYAN

New York, Jan. 4.—William Jennings Bryan vigorously protested today against the law of New York State, because he was required to come here at his own expense and give testimony in a suit for libel.

"I am here under duress," declared Mr. Bryan, "because it is the only way I can avoid contempt proceedings."

Mr. Bryan was examined in an action brought against a Greek newspaper. He was questioned concerning the sale by the United States of Greece of the old battleships Idaho and Mississippi, but said he knew nothing of the details. He denied that he gave any secrets of gun fire control to the Greek Government or that while Secretary of State he had seen any letter written to influence him against Agemonon Schlemann, former Greek Minister to the United States. He also said he had not heard criticisms alleged to have been made of him by Schlemann.

According to Mr. Bryan, the sale of the battleships was a matter which rested entirely with the Navy Department. He admitted that gun fire control secrets might have been divulged by the Navy Department without his knowledge or that the State Department might have attended to some details of routine work without his personal knowledge.

The suit is the outgrowth of a statement in the Greek newspaper that the plaintiff, Petros P. Tatanis, wrote or caused to be written a letter with a view to bringing about ill feeling between Mr. Bryan and the former Greek Minister.

HON. G. B. LIKENS DEFEATED FOR CLERK OF SENATE

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 3.—Gates Young, of Owensboro, broke the Stanley slate in the senate Democratic caucus this afternoon.

He was nominated for assistant clerk of the senate by a vote of 15 to 13 over G. B. Likens, of Hartford.

The governor was very active in his opposition to Gates Young, notwithstanding his oft-repeated declarations that he would not meddle in the election of officers of the general assembly.

The senate caucus was set for 3 o'clock but it was delayed until nearly 4 o'clock while the governor sent for senators and urged them to vote against Young.

S. W. Hager, of Owensboro, was here also working hard against Young.

ALL MALES OVER 15 IN MEXICAN TOWN SLAIN

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 3.—Persons arriving here today from the interior of Sonora confirmed reports of a massacre a few weeks ago of male residents of San Pedro de la Cueva. All men over 15 years old were killed, they said, by the Villa soldiers before they retreated into the State of Chihuahua. Among those killed, it was said, was Father Ramon Flores, who was shot when he interceded with Gen. Villa on behalf of the men.

Friends investigating the reported death of George Saunders, an American automobile agent, who has been missing from Nacoari, Sonora, four months said they had verified reports that Saunders' body was found by Mexican soldiers and buried. Efforts to locate the place of burial had been fruitless, they said.